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WAR END IS NEW CHALLENGE

Appeasement Rides Again

Bursts From Its Tomb When Mackenzie King Gives Interview in Chicago
By EUGENE FORSEY

Most of us had supposed that appeasement was dead. But on April 20, it suddenly burst from its tomb. Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and chief Canadian delegate to the San Francisco Conference, paused in Chicago to inform the world that it had not done justice to Mr. Chamberlain; that that much maligned man had been "unfortunate in having a National Government. One side neutralized the other and nothing was done. Had Britain had a Conservative Government they would have armed for all they were worth. Had they had a Liberal Government they would have followed conciliation for all they were worth."

Where has Mr. King been living for the last twenty years. Certainly not on this planet.

Mr. Chamberlain never headed any government in which there (Continued on Page 8)

Two Down And One To Go !



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The great decision between poverty and plenty which the people of Canada will make on June 11th is one between the old parties and the C.C.F.

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ONTARIO SOLDIERS MAY NOT GET VOTE

Overflow Crowd as C.C.F. Nominates Lewis Duncan In Drew's Riding

TORONTO—Thousands of Ontario soldiers, sailors and airmen overseas may be deprived of any effective opportunity to vote in the provincial election because of Col. Drew's action in rushing the election before proper provision for taking the overseas vote had been made, predicted C.C.F. leader Ted Jolliffe at a nomination meeting in Drew's own riding of High Park.

Determination to defeat Drew personally at the polls ran high at the meeting, which nominated Lewis Duncan, K.C., former Toronto controller, as the C.C.F. candidate. The convention hall was jammed to the doors, with some 300 late-comers turned away. Over a thousand dollars, mostly in cash, was contributed at the meeting. In 1943 Col. Drew escaped defeat by the C.C.F. by only a few hundred votes.

ATTEND THE COLDWELL RALLIES

EDMONTON—JUNE 4th
CALGARY—JUNE 5th

BOMBSHELL TOSSED INTO THE POLISH SITUATION HAS FAILED TO DETONATE

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

SAN FRANCISCO—Ever since a world-wide press service sent out a phony peace flash from this Conference city, the favorite indoor sport has been guessing the time of V-E Day. The press and radio services have been "standing by" for so long now that the delay has passed a joke.

There is little doubt that the edge has been taken off the celebration of the "cease-fire" in Europe by the way the war has crumbled to an end. The German war-wolf has been killed already. But his tail still wriggles. Like the catfish we used to catch when I was a boy, its tail won't die still sundown. Many of us here are just as glad that (Continued on Page 7)

SPEAKS HERE MONDAY



HON. C. C. WILLIAMS

HON. C. C. WILLIAMS, A. D. CONNON, M.L.A. HERE ON MONDAY

AT MASONIC TEMPLE

Administrator of one of the best labor codes on the continent, Hon. C. C. Williams, Minister of Labor in the Saskatchewan C.C.F. government, will address a public meeting in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Monday, May 14, at 8:15 p.m., on the topic "What the C.C.F. Will Do for Labor".

Alex D. Connon, M.L.A. for the Battlefords in the Saskatchewan legislature will speak with Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams, who was mayor of Regina at the time of his election to the legislature, is an able and forceful speaker, and it is expected that many trade unionists and other citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the Saskatchewan minister and Mr. Connon.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY IS WORLD NEED

European Surrender Brings New Challenge to Canada
Says M. J. Coldwell

(Special to People's Weekly)

SAN FRANCISCO—"There can be no security except collective security, both among nations and among men," said M. J. Coldwell, M.P., National Leader of the CCF, in commenting here on the end of the war in Europe.

"The war in Europe has ended. The Nazi tyranny has been battered into unconditional surrender. Our rejoicing is tempered by sorrow for the loss of so many fine boys," Mr. Coldwell said when the news of the German surrender reached him.

"A new challenge to build a Canada that will be a living memorial to their sacrifice confronts us now," said the C.C.F. leader.

Although Japan has still to be beaten we must prepare now for world wide reconstruction the C.C.F. leader believed.

Referring to the need for collective security Mr. Coldwell said: "Here in San Francisco we work feverishly for that clearer understanding, that closer comradeship without which there can be no enduring peace."

"The broken bodies of millions of men, women and children, the desolated countryside and the ruined cities impel us to succeed," he added.

"In this hour of victory," the National Leader said, "let us thank God and dedicate our lives anew to the removal of social and economic injustice, the breeding ground of war."

Mr. Coldwell will be speaking in Edmonton on Monday, June 4th.

HALIFAX MAYOR TO JOIN UNRRA STAFF

HALIFAX, N. S.—Mayor John Lloyd of Halifax will be going to the London, England, office of UNRRA as an accountant, it is authoritatively learned by the Commonwealth.

Twice elected mayor of wartime Halifax, the progressive and youthful Lloyd has fought an uphill battle to put new life into civic affairs. His recent attempts to bring the Nova Scotia Light and Power under the public ownership of Halifax citizens were thwarted at the last moment by a "six months hoist" given the bill. Corporation power and money plus public sympathy gave victory to reaction, for the time being.

Meanwhile Nova Scotia loses another promising leader, as it has lost thousands through failure to break the strangle-hold of vested interest.



PERSONAL STUFF

BY E. E. R.

TEMPERING our rejoicing at the end of war in Europe, is a heavy-hearted regret that sorrow does not end with the end of war. Today we rejoice with those who now can cease to look for the dread messenger of sad news at their door, but we sorrow with those to whom war has meant the loss of loved ones. I am glad those in high places who have spoken to us in these past few days have not forgotten to say that. The mothers and fathers who have lost their fine sons, the young wives and babies, to whom war has brought tragedy—they will be glad for others on this day. But their own sadness is enhanced by the poignant thought that this might have been a day of great rejoicing for them. Their hearts go out to them in humble sympathy. They have paid the awful price of war, the price of loss and loneliness. We must not forget our debt to them, on this or any other day.

What a travesty on human intelligence war is! We think of the two miserable creatures who played the leading roles in the fascist tragedy. Their obscure deaths seem almost anti-climax. When good men with noble thoughts die, they live on in the hearts and minds of mankind. Hitler and Mussolini have already become only a vile memory. But some new tragedy awaits the human family if we think that others such as they will not arise. The counterparts exist in every grouping of society, the gangster type, the vicious, the pervert. Society deals with such by law, and law enforcement. They are not permitted to continue in their evil ways to be a danger or nuisance to those about them. They are (Continued on Page 8)

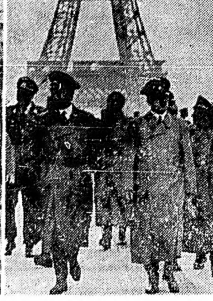
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR



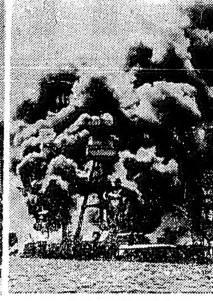
First Axis aggression was Japan's seizure of Manchuria in 1931, but European World War II is considered to have begun at Munich where British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (right) and Premier Edouard Daladier of France appeared Hitler (left) by granting him a slice of Czechoslovakia to "keep peace in our time."



Hitler rapidly took over the rest of Czechoslovakia, having already seized Austria, and when Great Britain and France failed to arrive at collective security terms with the U.S.S.R., he signed a non-aggression treaty with Russia, then launched war on Poland. Above is heroic Warsaw after bombing.



Things went very smoothly for the German blitzkrieg and the world wondered if it was possible to stop the Nazi armies, which in a few weeks overran Norway, Denmark, Holland and France. Here, Hitler, victorious, and his staff parade into conquered Paris, with Eiffel Tower in background.



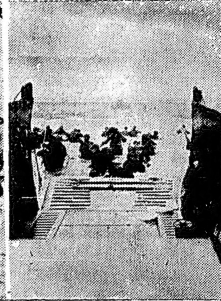
In the miracle of Dunkerque, Great Britain evacuated the greater part of her army from the continent and the air battle of Britain began. U.S. lent help by lend-lease, but kept out of the war until the Japanese end of the Axis in a sudden treacherous move bombed Pearl Harbor.



Meantime, Germany had suddenly renounced its non-aggression pact with the U.S.S.R. in an invasion June 22, 1941. Russian armies retreated slowly across a great portion of European Russia, sending factories back ahead of them. But at Stalingrad the U.S.S.R. held and anti-Nazi fortunes turned.



Real rout of the Axis began to be apparent when U.S. and British forces invaded North Africa and Rommel, the Fox, was forced off that continent. Here the Americans make their first invasion landing of the war—a scene followed a few months later by invasion of Sicily and Italy.



The "second" or western front was reopened June 6, 1944, when American and British armies (above) stormed the beaches of Normandy as Russians put on the heat from the east. Italy had surrendered meantime. The Normandy invasion was followed by a sudden breakthrough to Germany's borders.



Symbolic of the victory drive that led to end of the war in Europe was the liberation of Paris, accompanied by scenes like this, as joyful Parisians be-seiged their liberators with flowers, cheers and kisses, and the French resistance movement took over France from the Vichyites.

In 1942, Canada ranked 17th amongst the countries of the world in infant mortality rates. The wastage in life from infant mortality during the past 15 years, has been computed in money value to be in excess of two billion dollars, she said.

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COOPERATIVE FARM
IS NOW UNDER WAY

REGINA, Sask.—Described by Co-operatives Minister L. F. McIntosh as "practically a complete co-operative set-up," Saskatchewan's first farm co-operative has been organized by a group of nine people at Sturgis, in the Preeceville district. It has been registered with the co-operatives department as the Sturgis Farm Co-operative Association. Charter members are A. M. Nicholson, M. P., for the federal constituency of Mackenzie and national treasurer of the C.C.F., and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sjolie; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, and Sam Sookocheff.

The co-operative project was given careful study over the past year by the people concerned, who have pooled land amounting to some 2,000 acres, as well as machinery, and have put some capital into the venture. Proceeds from operation of the farm, including livestock sales, will go into the co-operative, to be divided among its members. Money earned "off the farm" will go to the group as a whole, after certain deductions to the individuals concerned. Members are allowed a minimum wage for work on the farm, amounting to \$480 per family annually.

Another interesting phase is that provision has been made for setting up community homes, although for the present members will continue to live in their own homes. Provision has been made

for withdrawals from the organization, after a certain period of time, if any of the members should desire to do so.

Several other groups of farmers throughout the province are investigating possibilities of similar co-operatives.

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KUHL WOULD TAX CO-OPS

Editor, People's Weekly.
Sir: Last Thursday evening Mr. Walter Kuhl, the Social Credit candidate for Jasper-Edson held a campaign meeting in Barrhead hall.

The attendance grew to a fair size by the time the pictures were shown, following his address on international, national & local questions. The member would have been much more interesting had he given us one definite reason for voting for him in preference to either of the other four candidates in Jasper-Edson. We were told that a C.C.F. government in Canada would implement a program, such as we now have in selective service, and that our farms would be socialized along with packing plants and other privately owned industries. If not, why would a C.C.F. party be so ready to experiment in collective and co-operative farms, he said.

In the question period, Mr. Kuhl was asked what his attitude was regarding the taxing of co-operatives, and as to how he would vote on taxation of co-operatives in the next parliament if elected to represent Jasper-Edson.

He replied that co-operatives and joint stock companies were one and the same thing, with the end, to make profits for their shareholders, and that if the question came up, to tax co-operatives on the same basis as privately owned business (with which they were in competition), in all fairness and justice he would vote for the taxation of co-operatives.

F. S. JOHNSTON.
Barrhead, R.R. 1.

APPROVES GOV'T STAND ON CO-OPS

Editor, People's Weekly.
Sir: As an old timer who has been actively engaged in trying to build up true co-operatives for

many years there is one point in particular in your editorial which criticizes the resolution passed in the Alberta Legislature upon which I should like to comment.

In the first place we as co-operators have been left to our own devices in making our rules and regulations because there is no Federal legislation providing for the set-up of a true co-op.

Co-operatives were set up to fight monopoly because we are convinced that monopoly is undemocratic and true democracy means control from the bottom up. Therefore we must be careful that our co-ops are controlled in this manner, i.e. by the membership; and the only effective way to do this is to maintain the control of the purse in the hands of the membership.

If it is necessary that allocated savings be retained for the purpose of increasing capital development, this could and should be done only with the full consent and approval of the patrons or members. The allocation of dividends to the patrons or the distribution thereof need not deprive the co-op of the use of such funds for development purposes. If the member is in sympathy with such development these funds may be re-subscribed and such a method allows the member that democratic control which should be a part of the co-op movement.

On the other hand the member who wishes to discontinue his membership should be allowed to take his patronage dividends and not be compelled to relinquish them even by a majority vote. Perhaps the greatest contribution that co-ops can make is providing a practical application of the democratic principle in their commercial affairs. The officials of co-ops who wish the members to transfer this control to them or who believe that only in this way can an expansion fund be built up have lost, if they ever had, the principle of true co-operation as exemplified by the pioneer members of the co-op movement who had to begin with nothing and did not have an undistributed surplus built up by others with which to make a beginning.

If the officials or even the elected officers are allowed to gain full control then there is danger that the co-ops will gradually take on the faults and evils of the monopolies which we formed them to combat.

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The Friday evening session, to which the full Trade Union Committee were invited, packed the conference room to capacity. Bert Gargrave presided as chairman of the committee, and matters on the agenda were fully discussed and dealt with by the meeting.

A resolution on amendments to labor and wage legislation was drafted and later adopted by the convention as a whole.

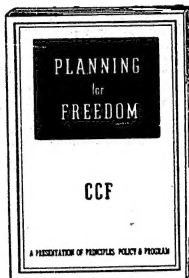
Those who maintain that co-ops would cease to grow if this fundamental democratic principle was enforced should be asked to explain how the co-ops first came into existence.

If the delegates or directors are going to decide what shall be done with the members' savings then the only function left for such a member to perform is contribute to the continuous forming of co-ops and see all the benefits which he hoped to get in "savings" used to build up bigger and bigger institutions whose control has passed entirely out of his hands and he looks in vain for the benefits he hoped for.

The resolution passed by the Alberta legislature provides a safeguard against this happening in the future and would instill a measure of confidence in co-operative enterprises that has become somewhat shaken by reason of the experiences of the past in some of our so called co-ops.

The claims made by Mr. Sutherland that the original resolution would carry if presented at any meeting in a rural school house would all depend on the audience. If composed of individuals who are looking to repair the breaches of the true co-operative principle he would find them insisting on the preservation of those principles outlined above.

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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

"THANK God it is over." Also we can say "Thank God more and more people are beginning to realize the seriousness of what lies ahead."

With the realization of the price that has been paid—and I suppose no one can really grasp it—and the debt we owe, should it not make us all use one of the first constructive efforts—our ballots—with a sacredness, almost a solemnity? Should we not in every constituency find the cause and the man or woman who will work in constructive effort to save that world from another such tragedy, a world where the key-note is co-operative effort from all, a world without race, prejudice and empire ambitions? And over and over again as I read what we are trying to work for in our C.C.F. and note the fine people we are trying to do it with the knowledge that we are behind them, I have hope.

Being a human institution and composed of human beings, we know full well that mistakes are made. But how I would like to tell every voter in the Jasper-Edson constituency they would make no mistake if they voted for Mrs. Nellie Peterson as their representative at Ottawa!

Despite her development, despite her increased understanding of the social problems of today, despite her clear vision of how so many problems may be solved she is still to me "Nellie Sherratt", a very bonny little girl whom I have known from her childhood.

When I learned of her nomination as C.C.F. candidate in that constituency, I was glad. I was glad for I felt it would be a very great asset to the party to have her in Ottawa. Any group or party is the broader in its outlook if it has well-informed women as well

as men working together.

I was glad for her sake for I know it will be to her, not a personal triumph, but a wider opportunity to work for the cause in which she so thoroughly believes.

I was glad for the sake of the electorate of that constituency for I knew how well their interests will be looked after.

And another thought came to my mind. I noted in the Conservative organ *Public Opinion* that some young candidate in accepting the nomination said something to the effect that he had not given any consideration at all to our social problems of today, but after three weeks study he had decided the Conservative creed completely satisfied him. I might say I wondered how much of that had been Conservative literature!

I thought how different the case with Mrs. Peterson. She was brought up in a home where the study and discussion of the problems of the day were the life of the family. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sherratt, thought, worked and practised and taught the doctrines that are today incorporated in our C.C.F. Hers was no three week's superficial study; hers was from her first years.

So to the people of Jasper-Edson may I say, "Don't miss this opportunity of sending so worthwhile a representative." To "Nellie" and our C.C.F., "Best Wishes!" And then may I add just this: Does it detract when this happily married woman is most attractive-looking as well?

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HAVE WE LEARNED THE LESSON?

So much has been said and written, and so well, about the end of the war in Europe that there is little left to say. So long has the struggle lasted that it seems difficult to realize that it is over. It had become part of our routine of life, the war news on the radio, the war headlines in the newspapers, the talk of war at home, on the street and wherever people met.

Although the casualty lists have saddened many Canadian homes, although anxiety brooded in almost every family, those who have stayed in Canada find it difficult to understand what must have been the unutterable relief of the people of Europe itself when the cease-firing order was given.

The war itself is over. Like a vast conflagration that has been raging through the countryside, sweeping the cities and desolating the towns and villages, the conflict itself has stopped. Like a fire burned out it has left a continent in ruins. This is the price of war, to those who make it and to those upon whom it is made. It is the lesson of the ages—a lesson never learned.

Will it be different now? Twice in a generation we've seen a world war end. To us has been given a second chance to build a peace. We muffed the first one. The people wanted peace. Almost too much. But others wanted other things more than peace. And war came again.

This time we must not fail. This time we must face the supreme fact of modern life: that the world has become a community, in which there must be law and order. The peace must be KEPT. Someone must keep it. If we have not learned that lesson from the bloody slaughter of Europe the dead of World War II will have died in vain, as their fathers did.

'DEMOCRACY'-WITHOUT ELECTIONS!

In the answers Hon. Solon Low gave to Maclean's about the Social Credit policies, he outlined a scheme of doing away with elections. A group of people in the community would elect delegates to another wider group, and from there others would be elected to a still wider group, and from there to another, until eventually representatives of the final (or semi-final) group would reach parliament.

This is a very poor imitation of the Soviet system. It would mean that the people would have no direct vote on the men or women who would represent them in parliament. If this is the "democracy" Social Credit would bring us, it should make Canadians sit up and take notice.

This new proposal provides another demonstration of the way in which Major C. H. Douglas, through his "expert" in Alberta, has come to dominate the Social Credit movement, particularly in the federal field. In the April 14th, 1945, issue of Major C. H. Douglas's personal organ, *The Social Creditor*, he writes:

Ballot-box democracy is a crude and clumsy mechanism at its best... The very nature of the problem which faces the world—to free the individual from the collectivity—has only to be stated for it to be obvious that "elections" are no answer to it."

WHO SAID "TOTALITARIANISM"?

When a group of politicians begin to "warn" the people against what they claim are the intentions of a rival political party, it is just as well to make careful examination of their own program. Very often the accusation against the other fellow is for the purpose of creating a smoke screen to hide their own intentions.

The only concrete plan Major C. H. Douglas has proposed for the operation of Social Credit is in "Plan for Scotland," which is printed as an appendix to his book, "Social Credit."

One of the features of this "plan" is: "Wage rates shall be reduced by 25%. . . the wage rates ruling in 1928 to be taken as the basis against which the reduction would be made."

Under this "plan" the trade unions were to be kept in line by this clause:

"Any trade union violating a wage agreement would render its membership liable to suspension of the national dividend."

And when S. C. Leaders talk about "regimentation" they should be asked about this clause in the "plan":

"For the period of five years after the initiation of this scheme, failure on the part of any individual to accept employment in whatever trade, business or vocation he was classified in the last census, under conditions recognized as suitable to that employment, will render such an individual liable to suspension of benefit in respect of the national dividend."

And in the light of what Low and company are saying about the C.C.F. and private property, here is another gem from the Social Credit "plan":

"No transfer of real estate directly between either persons or business undertakings will be recognized. Persons or business undertakings desiring to relinquish the control of real immovable estate will do so to the government, which will take any necessary steps to re-allocate it to suitable applicants."

Talk about totalitarianism!

THE THIRD COLUMN

"A 'Detroit real-estate firm, Homer Warren and Company, ran the following advertisement in *The Detroit newspapers* of March 23: 'There's a war on. The last war in your lifetime. Last opportunity to pick up good income property at a price to double your money in the coming post-war boom. Get all the facts and figures from Mr. Bedford.'"—*The Nation*, April 14, 1945.

"We notice without surprise, but with real apprehension, the local representatives of the London School of Economics in Canada and Australia, the C.C.F. and the Australian Labor Party, are driving hard for the 'nationalization' of banking. If the Trading Banks had any real statesmanship and a vision amongst them, they would get hold of the competent Social Crediters and find out what to do."—*The Social Creditor* (London) April 14, 1945.

The Premier (Hon. T. C. Douglas) has aroused a wave of irate femininity back in his home province.

"After visiting some Saskatchewan nursing sisters, he was quoted in a newspaper report as saying, 'I know now why there are no more pretty girls left in Saskatchewan.'"

While the girls overseas were not heard to object, the ones at home take a different view of the matter. It is rumored an organization, called "Saskatchewan's Beautiful Women, Inc." is being formed, with Mrs. Douglas as honorary president, which will be ready to meet the premier when he returns.

"All indications point to the fact that Premier Douglas should have some convincing answers prepared and should be ready to do some fast talking when he returns."—*Saskatchewan Commonwealth*.

"One of the factors in the 'world plot' is the Co-operative Wholesale Society. . . It stands out a mile as one of the tools of high and international finance, and the bleak deadness with which it contrives to invest any village on which it fastens its grip is an earnest of the brave new world to which it belongs."

"It, of course, commands access to unlimited funds; it enjoys tax privileges; and its officials boast openly that they will drive every independent trader out of business—if necessary, by buying him out at any price. As in the case of other components of the New Order, it appears to be immune from parliamentary control, and it awaits the outcome of the Socialist War."—Major C. H. Douglas in *The Social Creditor*, March 31, 1945.

"No transfer of real estate directly between either persons or business undertakings will be recognized. Persons or business undertakings desiring to relinquish the control of real immovable estate will do so to the government, which will take any necessary steps to re-allocate it to suitable applicants."—Major C. H. Douglas in his "Plan for Scotland," printed as an appendix to his book "Social Credit."

"The Nazis were fond of calling their system 'German socialism.' . . It would be insincere and dangerous to say that this 'socialism' had anything in common with the ideal of Marxian parties all over the world; the genuine socialism with which one may agree or disagree, but which, in its own way, strives for equality of opportunity as honestly as does democracy in the capitalist countries."—*Saturday Night*, May 5, 1945.

WHO OWNS THE AIR? --THE C.P.R.?

BY CLIFFORD E. LEE

HON. JAS. A. MacKinnon, federal minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced that Canadian Pacific Airlines will operate the new service between Whitehorse and Fairbanks, Alaska. C.P.A., owned by the C.P.R., already operates from Edmonton to Whitehorse, so the new arrangement will give them what a 1500 mile stretch of one of the world's greatest air routes.

This concession to the C.P.R. is disturbing when viewed in front of its background; first the relation of air traffic to the world economy in the post-war air age; second, the previously determined Canadian air policy accepted by parliament; and third, the structure and activity of the C.P.R. itself.



Canadian railroad building was an impressive example of the evils of free enterprise in the early development of a great key industry. The graft, corruption and waste of that era have never received the publicity it deserves. The cost of the competitive planlessness of that period hasn't hit home to the average Canadian; he would be more rebellious if he knew what we have paid and are still paying in our tax bills as a result. To avoid a repetition as transport shifts to the air is vitally important.

Playing with Dynamite

Competition in air transport has even graver dangers. Travel by air touches on international relations, questions of war and peace. To leave it to the profit-seeking whims of a private corporation is playing with dynamite. A majority of the members of the House of Commons have accepted a publicly-owned corporation as the "Chosen instrument" of Canada. Many thinkers, including Wm. Bishop believe in "world ownership of world airlines".

The C.P.R. is a colossus of power, closely tied to world "Big Business". Often it has seemed even more powerful than government, appearing to get the breaks from the old parties ahead of competing industries we own ourselves. Besides the great transcontinental railroad it owns a chain of great hotels, a steamship line serving the whole world, some huge mines and smelters.

Early in the war this corporation began feverishly buying up the airlines of the country. It acquired Canadian Airways, Yukon Southern, Mackenzie and a number of others. Today it owns them all but one.

Before this started parliament had already decided that important routes would be the preserve of the publicly owned Trans Canada Airlines. It had, in fact, decided that T.C.A. could at any time decide to fly any route in Canada, and that when it did that route should not be flown as a commercial venture

by any other airline. The government had also moved to appease those frightened by the growing proportions of the C.P.R. octopus. It had announced its intention of forming a surface transport corporation to divert some of the control of air transport within one year of the close of European hostilities.

Gobbles Up Little Fellows

But the C.P.R. kept right on gobbling up the little fellows. Obviously it thought it could beat the situation. It looks to me that it played a pretty good bet as the odds looked at the time. It gambled on (a) a different government with a pro-C.P.R. outlook and making no bones about it, or (b) being able to influence a Liberal government to betray its expressed policy.

Only a C.C.F. government could upset things and at that time it must have looked pretty safe.

The Conservatives are clearly sympathetic to the C.P.R. as to all big business. The men behind that party in the smoke-filled hotel rooms where Conservative policy is made are men who abhor public enterprise. They regard the C.P.R. as the acme of what they call "free enterprise" (ignoring the fact that by gobbling up the little fellows it helped kill free enterprise). At any rate Conservatives in the house fought against anything which would stifle the C.P.R.'s big gulps for more air.

C. P. Airlines officials haven't been close-mouthed about their political sympathies. Some of them are being quoted on Edmonton streets these days. One well known hater has announced that C.P.A. is "marking time" till after the election.

Don't Miss a Trick

These boys don't miss a trick. The Air Transport Board has been named. Its chairman for a ten-year term is a man once associated with the C.P.R. as a technical engineer. At another time he was vice-president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. He's not likely to be overly sympathetic with public enterprise. Further, in the matter of the bill to divorce rail and air power they are protected. The bill has a clause to issue a license in any case "if it is in the public interest that such a license be issued". The recent announcement of the minister of Trade and Commerce would lead one to believe that the Liberals won't disappoint them.

Air transport in Canada is bound to be a monopoly. This is no place for one-house enterprise. The whole question is—whose monopoly? The people of Canada through T.C.A. or the C.P.R. through C.P.A.?

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Last week's award for the best comment sent to this column goes to Miss Edith Patterson, Calgary, Alberta.

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CCF NEWS

ROPER AT ONOWAY

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Provincial Leader, will address a
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day evening, May 18.

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Nebraska—At the recent annual
meeting of the Nebraska C.C.F. local
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was W. W. Sim, president; A. Goley,
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decided to press a vigorous cam-
paign for new members.

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Ure Powell is campaign manager
for the federal constituency of
Peace River where I. V. Macklin
of Grande Prairie is the candidate.

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posing the federal riding: Michael
O'Grady of High Prairie for Grou-
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A \$350 donation from the
Calgary C.C.F. augmented the
C.C.F. Federal Fighting Fund to
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main to put the fund over the
top. Your contribution is urgent-
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Crawford, Ainlay Speakers Tuesday

The regular monthly public
meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F.
will be held on Tuesday, May 15,
at 8:15 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall.
The meeting was announced for
Tuesday, May 8, but was can-
celled on account of the V-E Day
holiday. Miss Mary R. Crawford,
C.C.F. candidate for West Ed-
monton, and Ald. H. D. Ainlay,
candidate for East Edmonton, will
be the speakers.

POLL MEETING

C.C.F. members and supporters
residing in polls, 32, 33, 34 and
35 are invited to attend a meet-
ing at the home of Miss Sadie
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times. The Grey Nuns hospital
will build the addition, to cost
more than \$800,000, on the south
side of the hospital, with the pro-
vincial government renting two floors.

Arrangements were completed
by Premier T. C. Douglas, Minister
of Public Health, before he
left Regina for Europe to visit
Saskatchewan's fighting forces.
Announcement of the negotiations
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The Labor government of New Zealand has done everything possible to improve the position of agriculture in that country. Gross farm income in New Zealand has increased far more than have the expenditures. N. Z. agriculture is among the most highly mechanized in the world. Electrical power is available to 93 per cent of the farmers as compared to less than 20 per cent in Canada. Farmers are encouraged to take advantage of agricultural college facilities such as the Massey Agricultural College, Palmerston North, shown above.

Agriculture Gets A Break In New Zealand

By DR. STUART JAMIESON

THE wildest and most misleading attacks by Liberal and Tory newspapers and politicians on New Zealand's Socialist Labor government have been directed at its agricultural policy. Perhaps this is explained by the fact that the New Zealand government has successfully undertaken a program of planned marketing and distribution of farm produce, described below, similar to that advocated by the C.C.F. for Canadian agriculture.

Public Marketing

New Zealand depends more than does any other nation upon foreign trade, and more than 90 per cent of her exports are agricultural products or by-products. For several years before the war she ranked as the world's largest exporter of cheese, mutton and lamb, one of the chief butter producers, and the fourth largest wool producer. Since the outbreak of war her output of these products has been stepped up.

The world-wide depression and collapse of prices in 1930 created particularly severe crises in the main primary exporting countries like Canada and New Zealand (both of them under Tory administration at the time) because the prices of farm products and other unfinished goods fell far more rapidly than prices for finished or manufactured goods.

The Labor government when it came to power in New Zealand took steps to improve the efficiency of the country's marketing facilities and protect the farmers against having to assume the entire burden, on the very sound principle that losses due to international crises and other uncontrollable circumstances should be spread more or less evenly over the entire population rather than assumed by only one group.

In 1936 the Primary Products Marketing Act was passed, then amended and broadened in 1937. The main objective, in the words of the Act, is "to make better provision for the marketing of dairy and other primary products so as to ensure for producers an adequate remuneration for the services rendered by them to the community." To this end the Act empowered the government, through its newly established Marketing Department, to purchase at guaranteed prices and take over the marketing of all dairy and other primary products going into export trade, and also to purchase, or control the sale and distribution of, a wider range of farm products for consumption in New Zealand itself.

During the first two or three years operations in the export market were confined mainly to cheese and butter. The government, in effect, guaranteed the producers stable and remunerative prices, taking into account such factors as "the costs involved in efficient production of dairy produce," the "cost to the department of marketing . . . and general administration," and the "general standard of living of persons engaged in the dairy industry in comparison with the general standard of living throughout New Zealand." Producers, that is to say, were protected from wide fluctuations in demand and price while the government absorbed the temporary losses and surpluses. The operations were financed by means of Reserve Bank credit—i.e., the Reserve Bank carrying a Dairy Industry Account against which the government was empowered to make overdrafts to pay deficits in lean years.

Since the outbreak of the war the government in New Zealand, as in Canada and other countries, through its Marketing Department became the authority for bulk purchase and shipment of food-stuffs and other products to Allied nations. (New Zealand Yearbook, 1941, p. 349-62).

Criticism

The operations of the Marketing Department in New Zealand have been an outstanding success. This fact has not prevented Canadian critics addicted to so-called "private enterprise" and "free competition" from stubbornly maintaining the opposite. The statements that they have been broadcasting far and wide are liberally sprinkled with factual errors and outright distortions of the truth. Mr. J. G. Ross, Liberal M.P. from Moose Jaw and member of a parliamentary delegation which enjoyed the hospitality of the Australian and New Zealand governments last summer, upon his return to Canada proceeded to tell the public that the New Zealand farmers were being ruined by low prices coupled with high and steadily rising costs. Canadian farmers, said he, are far better off.

Mr. M. S. Nestor, the "Gladstone Murray of New Zealand," trotted out the same line in his article in Saturday Night of October 28, 1944. He writes: "While the farmers' costs (in New Zealand) have risen considerably, the price fixed for primary produce has not risen correspondingly. The farmers have learned that there is a big difference between gross income and net income." And again: "Production of primary produce in New Zealand has declined considerably, and one of the reasons for this decline is the lack of balance between town and country incomes."

These assertions are directly contrary to fact. And when supposedly reputable journals like "Saturday Night" and the "Winnipeg Free Press," as well as journalists like Bruce Hutchison, glibly treat such blatant untruths as if they were straight from the Gospel, without checking the facts beforehand, it suggests either laziness, naivete or dishonesty.

Expansion

The facts, as any study of the "New Zealand Yearbook" for 1941 and 1943 and other official reports prove, may be summarized as follows: Since the Labor government has come into power, gross farm income in New Zealand has increased far more than have farm expenditures, and the prices which farmers in New Zealand have received for the produce they sold have risen far more than the prices they have paid for the things they bought. Farm production, likewise, has greatly increased.

Take the matter of prices first. A comparison of export prices and domestic retail prices provides a good measure, because more than 70 per cent of New Zealand's total farm produce is exported, and farm products comprise 90-95 per cent of her total exports, while most farm purchases are at retail. Thus it is interesting to note that export prices increased by 26.4 per cent from 1934-5 (when the Labor government took office) to 1938-9 (the last peacetime year) and a further 16 per cent during the war years 1939-40 to 1940-41, while retail prices increased by only 17.6 per cent from 1934-5 to 1938-9 and a further 9 per cent from 1938-9 to 1940-41. (New Zealand Yearbook, 1943, p. 266.)

Gain in Net Returns

This favorable movement of prices, coupled with rising production, greatly increased the New Zealand farmers' net returns during the same period. Gross farm income increased by 47 per cent from 1934-5 to 1938-9 and a

further 23 per cent during 1938-39 to 1940-41, while total farm expenditures increased by only 25 per cent during 1934-5 to 1938-9 and a further 5 per cent during the war years 1938-9 to 1940-41. (Ibid.)

Farm production increased correspondingly. The physical output of grain and oats crops and of dairy products fell by about 4 per cent from 1934-5 to 1938-9, due to relatively unfavorable foreign market conditions. This decline was more than made up for, however, by an increase of 12 per cent in the output of pastoral products, which constitute New Zealand's most important industry. Thus altogether during this period total farm output increased by 5 per cent while total value of farm output increased by 46 per cent (due to higher prices, better planning, and concentration on more valuable items. (Ibid, p. 264-5). During the war years 1938-39 to 1940-41 there was a further increase in farm produce of 14 per cent in volume and 23 per cent in value.

Increase Farm Exports

Total farm exports meanwhile increased by almost 40 per cent, from \$34.8 million during the 3 year period 1933-34 to 1935-36, to \$48 million during 1936-37 to 1938-39 and a further 8 per cent during the next two years, reaching \$51.5 million during the 3 year period 1938-39 to 1940-41. (Ibid: p. 268).

Highly Mechanized

Another measure of farm expansion in New Zealand is provided by the increase in farm machinery. Agriculture in that country is among the most highly mechanized in the world. (For instance, electrical power is available to 93 per cent of the farmers in New Zealand, as compared to less than 20 per cent in Canada.)

See report of Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission, Winnipeg, 1943, pp. 66-7).

A large part of the expansion took place during the 1930's. From 1922 to 1942, for instance, the number of farm tractors increased by 189 per cent, rotary hoes and garden tractors by 170 per cent, milking plants 35 per cent, shearing machines 32 per cent, internal combustion engines 14 per cent, and cream separators 6 per cent. (Ibid, p. 261.) By far the major part of these increases have occurred since the Labor government took office in 1935. Taking the percentage increases for these items in the same order as above, they are 159 per cent, 107 per cent, 23 per cent, 29 per cent, 8 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. (Ibid.)

(While the dates and data are not exactly comparable, it is interesting to note some major trends in Canadian agriculture during a similar period. During 1931 to 1941 the total value of all farm property in Canada declined by no less than \$1,025,311,955, or 19.5 per cent. This included total losses of \$782.2 million or 28.9 per cent in value of farm land, \$257.8 million or 19 per cent in value of farm buildings, and \$51 million or 7.8 per cent of farm implements and machinery, together with an increase of \$55,663,205 or 12.1 per cent in value of farm livestock. (Bulletin No. 48, Census of Agriculture, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, 1943.)

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BOMBSHELL

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peace is coming by easy stages, as a sort of anti-climax. We had originally figured that the thing to do, when V-Day came to SF (it is never "Erisco to the natives") would be to crawl into a deep cellar and hide there for about two days. For if these folks celebrate the end of Hitler's war, pro rata to the way they celebrate the curfew at midnight Saturday, it will be some celebration.

Failed to Detonate

The latest bombshell tossed into the explosive Polish situation failed to detonate. Not yet anyway. Some of us cannot see why there should be all the hullabaloo about the arrest of fifteen alleged diversionists in Poland when nobody seems to be worrying about the much earlier arrest of at least a hundred times that number of Greek army, navy and resistance men, who are still held without trial in prison camps in Egypt. There would be no point, either, in over-emphasizing the fact that many thousands of Indian home-ruled are still held in jail, without trial, on precisely the same charge as the Russians have laid against these 15 Poles—that is, that their activities were interfering with the effective prosecution of the war.

Not Same Free Hand

This is not to minimize the Polish difficulty. It is real. But one reason why it is so real is because the Western Allies—Britain and the United States—do not grant to the Soviet the same free hand in Poland which they jointly exercise in Italy, and which Britain exercises alone in Greece. One of our representatives who sat all through the early and hectic struggles over the chairmanship, summed up thus:

"Molotov came to the Conference tense, and ready to fight at the drop of the hat. He was obviously under hard and fast instructions

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from the Stalin government to establish undisputed equality within the members of the Big Three. Because of that Molotov forced the showdown on the chairmanship. Once he had won that fight he was a changed man. He is now relaxed, affable and obviously completely at ease."

Molotov Satisfied

This observer, who is one of the most astute students of politics of these times, explains the Soviet background thus:

"Russia was kicked around all over between the two world wars. So even yet there are two main schools of thought in Russian politics—the internationalists and the isolationists. The isolationists favor going it alone—not getting too mixed up with the outside world. The internationalists cannot beat the isolationists, or keep them beaten—unless Russian representatives are able to demonstrate their ability to hold their own with the U.S. and Britain.

My informant feels that Molotov is satisfied so far."



MRS. NELLIE PETERSON.

C.C.F. Candidate of Jasper-Edson Mrs. Peterson is the wife of Roy Peterson, B.A., a farmer. They reside at Mayerthorpe, where Mrs. Peterson came as a child with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherratt, in the early homesteading days. Both of Mrs. Peterson's parents took an active interest in farm and labor organizations. Following her marriage Mrs. Peterson lived in Edson for 12 years and while there became a member of the Labor party and assisted in organizing the first Edson C.C.F. club. A former school teacher, she has also taken an active interest in C.G.I.T. and Women's Institute work.

A medically discharged sailor here put on his civilian clothes and went for a stroll. As he paused on a corner, a spinsterish female approached him, berated him soundly for lack of patriotism, adding: "Why isn't a man like you in the Army?"

The sailor coolly looked her up and down and finally replied: "Same reason that you're not in the Ziegfeld Polies—physically unfit!"

Question
Box

If you have any questions about the C.C.F. and its policies, you are invited to submit them to this C.C.F. Question Box.

Question: Is it so that some of the C.C.F. Federal candidates in Alberta have resigned, and that some of them have later been nominated as (Lib. Lab. Prog.) candidates?

—Ole Kildun, Box 29, Domesmy, Sask.

Answer: Yes, one C.C.F. candidate in Alberta resigned. He thinks the C.C.F. is not "realistic" enough because it is not prepared to enter into a coalition with the Liberal government. He was later nominated by the L.P.P. The candidate named in his place is Lieut. Kenn Tory, who is "realistic" enough to remember that poverty under King was not any more enjoyable than poverty under Bennett.

Industry Lays Off
14,452 in Canada

OTTAWA—Continued important curtailment in general industrial activity as of February 1 is shown in a government report just issued. Previously, employment has usually, though not invariably, shown partial recovery on February 1 from the year-end lay-offs.

The 15,000-odd firms furnishing data reported a combined working force of 1,820,842, a decline of 14,452 from January 1.

Curtailement, largely seasonal in character, the report said, was indicated in communications, transportation, construction and maintenance, services and trade. The most pronounced losses were those of 5,342 in transportation, 10,458 in construction and 12,642 in trade.

A Bit of
Nonsense

It was long after midnight. The author looked haggard and worn. He had been working on his novel.

"Darling," called his wife, "are you coming to bed?"

"No," muttered the author. "I've got the pretty girl in the clutches of the villain and I want to get her out."

"How old is the girl?" asked the wife.

"Twenty-two," informed the writer.

"Then put out the lights and come to bed," snapped the wife. "She's old enough to take care of herself."

Tommy had a charming and personable manner, which he exercised with telling effect upon little Mary, who sat next to him in school. Unfortunately, he was an indifferent student.

Observing the attraction between the two youngsters, the teacher devised a subtle appeal to Tommy's ambition.

"Tommy," she warned, "you must study harder or you won't be promoted. How would you like to stay in this class and have little Mary go ahead of you?"

Tommy grinned.

"Oh," he replied, "I guess there'll be other little Marys."

The waitress wondered why the elderly man was eating while his wife merely stared out the window. "Aren't you hungry?" she asked the lady.

"Sure am, daughter," was the reply. "I'm just waiting till Pavlo gets through with the teeth."

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—C. H. Carlyle, President Dominion Bank
And J. S. Duncan, President of the Massey-Harris Company put it this way:

"I believe there is nothing more damaging to the future of Canada than all this foolish talk which we hear around us of the more comfortable life which will be ours after the war, of more pay and shorter hours of work, of security from the cradle to the grave, of higher standards of living or that depressions are things of the past."

Social Credit in Alberta seeks the support of big business—

"If Social Credit could demonstrate to the world that it could set the socialist movement back on its heels, support would come from quarters which had opposed it in the past, such as the heads of important businesses in Eastern Canada."—Solon Low at Medicine Hat, August 2nd, 1944.

WHY MR. LOW?

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Appeasement

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were two "sides". His Government never included one single member of the Labor or Liberal parties. It did include a few who called themselves "National Labor" or "Liberal National"; but these had either left, or been expelled from the Labor and Liberal parties before Mr. Chamberlain ever became Prime Minister.

Off the Beam

Mr. King talks of a possible Liberal Government in Britain before the war. He might as well have talked of a possible Social Credit Government. Not since 1924 has the British Liberal party had enough members in the House of Commons to do much more than

fill the various ministerial offices. The two "sides" in Britain, since the last war, have been Conservative and Labor, not Conservative and Liberal.

These facts are known to every reasonably careful reader of the daily newspapers; but not to Mr. King. He is still trotting happily along, twenty years behind the times in this as in everything else. It is to be hoped that when he meets the head of the British delegation at San Francisco, Mr. Attlee, one of his invaluable secretaries will jog his elbow and whisper in his ear, "Leader of the Labor party; not Liberal; Labor became the second major British party in 1922; this man is the Labor leader."

Mr. King's gross ignorance of British politics, though hardly an asset in his present position, and certainly not what one would expect of a world statesman, is not a fatal defect. It is comic, rather than tragic.

Liberal Appeasement

His statement that a British Liberal Government in the years before the war "would have followed conciliation for all they were worth" is another matter. Mr. Chamberlain, it appears, did not go far enough in appeasement. How much farther he could have gone, short of offering to become the first Gauleiter of England, Mr. King does not explain. But he did not go far enough. A Liberal Government would have gone farther.

The conclusion is inescapable: Mr. King, himself the leader of a Liberal Government, would have gone farther. At the time, he congratulated Mr. Chamberlain in terms which would have been offensive if addressed to the Almighty; but by the time President Beneš visited Canada, he appeared to have recanted. He unblushingly told Mr. Beneš, in the presence of both Houses of Parliament that Canada "had never recognized the Munich agreement."

Learned Nothing

Now, it seems, he has not merely gone back to where he was in 1938, but even farther. He not merely approves Mr. Chamberlain's policy; he actually criticizes him for not having pushed it harder! In other words, he proclaims, publicly and even triumphantly, that he has learned nothing, less than nothing, from five years of war.

And he chooses for this proclamation, of all places and all times, Chicago on the eve of the San Francisco Conference! On his way to a conference called to build a world security organization, he takes time out to declare, in one of the citadels of American isolationism, his belief that such an organization is really not necessary at all!

This is the man who aspires to lead the small and middle powers, precisely those which need a security organization most. This is the man who seeks from the Canadian people a mandate to represent them at the Peace Conference, and to guide their destinies in the critical years of postwar reconstruction. This is the man to whose standard the Labor-Progressive party summons us to rally; the ghost of the deceased Neville Chamberlain, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof.

PERSONAL STUFF

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taken in hand and isolated in a place where they can do no harm.

There must be international law and order if other Hitlers are not to arise. That is the task now facing humanity. It is a task in which we must not fail. Nothing, nothing must be permitted to turn us from that purpose. Our generation has seen two world wars. We had a tragic period of twenty years to learn the folly of international anarchy. We have a record written in our own memories and in many books, of the errors, the mistakes, the deliberate collaboration with the fascist gangsters to serve selfish purposes. The people, the ordinary people who suffer most from wars, must not forget. We must build a people's international organization to make international laws and enforce them.

It is a tragic thing that there are voices being raised in Canada against international organization at this time. It may or may not be significant that these voices echo the very words which the mad man of Munich used to throw suspicion on internationalism. These people assume a terrible responsibility when they attempt to make Canadians believe that Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco are nothing more than a "world plot" of "international finance". And those who listen to their dangerous drivel must bear their full share of such responsibility. God help us if San Francisco is some sinister, mysterious power, ghastly joke on humanity! We know it is not. We know it is the attempt of sincere men of all nations to build for peace. They need our prayers, not our sneers.

VETERINARY AID FOR RURAL SASK.

REGINA—One of the most important pieces of legislation concerning agriculture to come before the Saskatchewan legislature this session was a Veterinary Services Act.

Introduced by Agriculture Minister L. F. McIntosh, the bill has for its purpose greatly increasing the number of veterinary surgeons in Saskatchewan.

The bill provides that two or three municipalities may co-operate in establishing a veterinary board. The municipalities may make grants to the board, which would be matched by an equal amount of money from the provincial government.

The money would be used to maintain the income of veterinary surgeons and equalize his travelling expenses so that farmers need only be charged standard fees no matter where they were located.

Few Veterinarians

Speaking on the bill, Mr. McIntosh pointed out there were only about 35 practising veterinary surgeons in Saskatchewan at present and that the average age of these was approaching 60 years. At the same time, he said, there were over 1,000,000 head of beef cattle and over 1,600,000 hogs in the province, as well as large quantities of other livestock.

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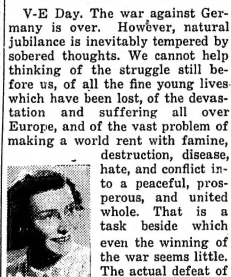
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YOUTH TOMORROW

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Barbara Davidson

V-E Day. The war against Germany is over. However, natural jubilation is inevitably tempered by sobered thoughts. We cannot help thinking of the struggle still before us, of all the fine young lives which have been lost, of the devastation and suffering all over Europe, and of the vast problem of making a world rent with famine, destruction, disease, hate, and conflict into a peaceful, prosperous, and united whole. That is a task beside which even the winning of the war seems little. The actual defeat of the enemy is only the first step in the achievement of an enduring peace.

Probably the attitude of most people towards the problems of this post-war era is in striking contrast to the attitude after the last one. The 'war to end wars' type of thinking is not so evident. Not that the desire for peace is any less but faith in being able to attain it certainly is. This scepticism is healthy as long as it does not become defeatism. People now have a better understanding of what they are up against; they are remembering the lessons of the past twenty-five years. To believe in and to work for peace, resolutely, always taking care to avoid the pitfalls of international distrust and national selfishness, is our next job.

EDMONTON

On April 27, Mr. Elmer Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, spoke to an interested group of CCYMers at the Masonic Temple. He described the session of the provincial legislature and dealt with the issues of the coming election, two questions which should concern young people.

LET'S GO CAMPING

A recent bulletin from our National President, Doris French, brought up the question of summer camps. The CCYM is planning on organizing a series of summer camps all across Canada. Some provinces are planning unit camps although Alberta seems to be more in favor of a provincial camp. If the various clubs and any interested young people would write to the provincial office, expressing their opinion and presenting any ideas then Alberta would be able to formulate some definite plans. The national office wishes to hear from all provinces as soon as possible so we must get busy. As Doris French says, "Let's co-operate and cool that election fever with a fresh lake breeze."

JUST A REMINDER

Here are some things that CCYMers should be paying attention to right now:

1. Membership renewals. Incidentally, Willow School still heads the list for renewals and new memberships, with Millet and Camrose also sending in their renewals.
2. Summer camps.
3. Election work. In all the excitement of summer activities CCYMers should not forget that the election is THE really big job now.

SASKATCHEWAN

Membership in Saskatchewan has now reached a high of 1400, in March, with approximately 80 units operating and functioning. A large-scale recreational project in the form of C.C.Y.M. summer camps is being planned for the coming summer, under the direction of a special committee from the provincial executive. With the active co-operation of all local units, at least five successful camps are anticipated throughout the province this year. All reports indicate that the two C.C.Y.M. travelling libraries are proving popular among the units, and are very much in demand at all times.

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